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TO: The Ambassador
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FROM: Yvonne Thayer
SUBJECT: Zumwalt-Thayer Telecon of Feb. 10, 1976

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In reply to Feb. 10 telephone inquiry from Admiral Zumwalt to the Ambassador concerning Argentine national Monica Mignone, I spoke with the Admiral's daughter Anne Zumwalt the afternoon of Feb. 10. I told her that Monica Mignone had been abducted from her parents' home in May and that despite considerable efforts on the part of her family and friends, Embassy inquiries at the Foreign Ministry and a personal appeal by Congressman Drinan to the Ministries of Justice, Interior and Foreign Relations in Buenos Aires in November, no information had ever turned up concerning her whereabouts or welfare. I mentioned our personal contacts with the father Emilio Mignone in Buenos Aires and added that he had been in to see EC/ARA officer Fred Rondon at the State Department on January 28. I told her that Mr. Mignone still had no word of his daughter as of that date, but gave her Mr. Rondon's office phone in case she wished to get further information or try to contact Mr. Mignone if he is still in Washington.

She asked me specifically what Congressman Drinan did on behalf of Miss Mignone and, I replied that the Congressman asked for information on Miss Mignone directly from high ranking officials in the Ministries of Justice, Interior and Foreign Relations. The officials insisted they had made a careful check into the case but had turned up nothing, she had simply "disappeared." Miss Zumwalt said she was not aware of the Mignone case but that someone she could not identify asked her father to see what he could do in the matter. Her father had already left for Europe but she was to turn over the Embassy's information to Admiral William Thompson. I told her that the Ambassador sent his personal regards to Admiral Zumwalt and wanted to wish him well on his trip, which she said she would convey to her father. I added that should the Embassy learn anything new on the Mignone case, we would be sure to advise the Admiral. She thanked me for my assistance.

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Margaret P. Grafeld, Director

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